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TITLE : PLATE MAKING METHOD FOR PLANOGRAPHIC PRINTING PLATE

ABSTRACT : PURPOSE: To provide a plate making method by which a large amt. of printing plates can stably be produced over a long period of time without generating insoluble matter or gel.

CONSTITUTION: In a plate making method in which a photosensitive planographic printing plate is imagewise exposed, developed with an alkali developer and rinsed with a rinsing soln. contg. an anionic surfactant and/or a nonionic surfactant, an acid and its salt (buffer) rinsing is carried out with plural rinsing baths, and in accordance with the progress of rinsing, the acid content of the rinsing soln. is increased and the buffer content is reduced.

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